GREAT YEAR FOR INVESTIGATION

Legislature Had Inquiring Mind, and Ordered Many Things to Be Looked Into.

SOME BEEN ALREADY HELD

School Book Matter to Come Up Shortly, and Will Be Gone Fully Into.

The year 1906 has been marked by the number of investigations that have either been made or are still to be made by legislative committees.

The Corporation Commission investigation headed the list, followed closely by in secret by the Senate; the Virginia Milliary Institute investigation, the Eastern

stary Institute investigation, the Eastern State Hospital investigation, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Blacksburg) investigation, which is yet to be heard, while the end will not be reached until the school book system of the State has been investigated by a committee, which will sit in Staunton, beginning its sessions on August 5th.

The school book investigation will be full of intense interest, for its outcome will affect materially every public school child within the limits of the State. The question which will be discussed and the examination which will be made will be to discover why it is that the children of Virginia pay more—much more—for their school books than those of any other State in the Union.

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The investigation is authorized by the following joint resolution:

A joint resolution providing for a committee of the General Assembly to sit during the recess to examine into the price of school books and the practicability of publishing the same by the State.

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Resolved, by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring). That a joint committee of three members of the General Assembly be appointed, one by the President of the Senate and two by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

This committee shall sit during the recess of the General Assembly and inquire as follows:

1. Is the price of school books required to be used in the public schools of Virginia higher than in any other State, and, if so, why?

2. Could the State, with due consideration to economy, publish the school books used by the public school pupils?

3. Are the profits of the school book publishing companies exorbitant, and, if so, is there any remedy for this condition?

The committee shall have power to call witnesses, examine them on oath and require the production of books, papers and contracts.

Which was agreed to,
Extract from the Journal of March 5, 1996.

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The Legislative committee is composed of Hon. Richard Evelyn Byrd, chairman, of Winchester, Hon. E. P. Cox, of Richmond, and Senator A. E. Strode, of Amherst. Mr. Frank B. Watkins will act as sergeant-at-arms, and Mr. T. E. Owens will be the cierk to the committee and official stenographer.

While the committee has no power to call witnesses who reside outside the State, there is no doubt but the book publishers will appear to testify and to explain, as best they can, the uhsatisfactory conditions which now obtain in Virginia, regarding the prices charged for school books.

Among the questions which will be discussed will be the desirability of establishing a State printing office to furnish books for the public schools and also the merits and demerits of both the single list" and "multiple list" of public school books.

In this connection, it is of interest to enquire if the Legislature has any authority to act in the matter, and if it can do more than merely recommend certain changes to the Board of Education, which, according to a recent opinion of the Attorney-General, has plenary

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In discussing the proposed investigation with a public official on yesterday, it developed that Virginia public school children pay from four per cent. to seventyone per cent. more for school books than those of any other State, Here are some of the differences in prices:

Maury's Manual Geography—North Carolina, Alabama, Texas, eighty-eight cents; Virginia, \$1.15, Maury's Elementary Geography—North Carolina, Alabama, Texas, forty cents; Virginia, fifty cents. The Holton Primer—Alabama, nineteen cents; Virginia, twenty-five cents, Graded Literature: First Reader—Georgia, twenty cents; Virginia, twenty-five cents. Second Reader—Georgia, twenty-ents; Virginia, forty cents.

All of these books are exactly the same edition; page by page, they are alike, and even their covers are identical. This is the explanation offered for the marked difference in prices:

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The Virginia Board of Education decided that the 117 cities and counties of the State should each determine separately what books should be used in their respective schools, and approved the 117 selections made by the local committees, consisting of seven members each.

Had to Send Samples.

This action meant that the book publishers, some twenty or thirty in number, were compelled to send separate samples of their various publications to all seven members of the 117 committees, or \$19 sets of books, worth in all, it is said, about \$65,000.

In addition to this, agents of the pub-



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Beer.

You know if you plant a grain of wheat or oats or corn in midsummer where the ground is moist and warm it will sprout and grow up very quick and rank, and with a sickly color—not strong and tough and a healthy bright green as the stalks do when the grain is planted in the spring. This is because the heat and moisture sprout and grow it so fast in midsummer that it does not have time to develop the vital elements of the grain, while in the spring it is cooler, and thus slower in sprouting and growing, giving time for the grain to develop all of its nourishing vital food elements. These same considerations are true in making barley mait from which to brew heer. The usual method of making mait food elements, and produces a mait that lacks the nutritious food elements of the barley.

Pabst, the mater brewer, found by experience that it required careful, steady sprouting for eight days to get all of the barley and into the mait, and it is the exclusive & day method of making mait that makes Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer the richest and most wholesome as well as the hest flavored and most mellow beer on the market.

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lishing companies were sent into every county and city of the State, and the expenses incurred for thic cause amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars, one company alone expending, it is said, \$40,000 in endeavoring to push its books and secure awards.

The publishers plainly say that they must get their money back in some way, and so add the expenses to the price of the school books and make the public school children of the State pay for them, great advertising scheme.

To discover at whose door this outrage should be laid will be one of the tasks of, the legislative committee, wille to remedy the evil, which falls most heavily upon the laboring man of the State, will be a laudable and patriotic achievement.

GOVERNMENT AFTER **PORTLAND PLOTTERS**

Confirmation of Report of Movement Among Anarchists to Kill President.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, ORE., June 19.-Acting upon instructions from Washington, 1napector Foster, of the United States Secret Service, is investigating the alleged anarchists society which has been unearthed, here. Last night ne seized pamphlets, printed in Polish, which were found at the headquarters of the society. The statements made by Walter S. Sealaszkiwcz, formerly president of the Polish National Society, seem to confirm a recent report that this city harbors anarchists, who contemplate the assassination of President Roosevelt. Sealaszkiwcz's statements were made to the police, while he was securing warrants for several members of his society, who, he alleges, attacked and beat him Sunuay night for objecting to an alleged misuse of the society's fund. Sealaszkiwcz states that there are about eighty anarchists in the city and that they hold regular meetings at places northeast of Portland.

Summer Outing Tours.

We've had a fairly quiet day, but sup-pose it is only the lull before the storm of Thursday. Beyond the fact that sev-eral newsdealers have increased their or-

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Automobile Party Has Delightful Trip to This City.

That Richmond appears to be the Mecca for automobile touring parties is quite evident, since hardly does a week pass by without one or more such parties visiting the Old Dominion city.

On Sunday, June 10th, two White steamers, with the following party, left Philadelphia: Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Hoy, Miss L. J. Carter, Mr. Harry Stahler, Mr. William Mogee. After a delightful run they reached Norristown, Pa. They then proceeded to York, Pa. They then yeight days and its pleasing environs.

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Hagerstown was next reached by a heautiful, circuitous route. The inviting way led to Winchester, Va.; then to Luray, As the shadows were beginning to lengthen they departed for Staunton and were elated over the beauty of the seenle Shenandoah Valley, Soon Natural Bridge was reached, which served as a splendid climax for the trip, rom there they bent their journty forward again. Roanoke and Lynchburg were ach visited, and soon the party reached Richmond, a tired but contented lot.

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DEATHS.

CABELL.—Dr. ARTHUR G. CABELL, Surgeon, U. S. N., June 19, 1996.

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53 Cottage St., Meirose, Mass, Doar Sir:

"Ever since I was in the Army I had more or less kidney trouble, and within the past year it became so severe and complicated that I suffered everything and was much alarmed—my strength and power was fast leaving me. I saw an advertisement of Swamp-Root and wrote asking for advice. I began the use of the medicine and noted a decided improvement after taking Swamp-Root only a short time.

I continued its use and am thankful to say that I am entirely cured and strong.

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I continued its use and am thankful to say that I am entirely cured and strong. In order to be very sure about this, I had a doctor examine some of my water today and he pronounced it all right and in splendid condition.

I know that your Swamp-Root is purely vegetable and does not contain any harmful drugs. Thanking you for my complete recovery and recommending Swamp-Root to all sufferers, I am."

Very truly yours.

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You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful remedy, Dr. Klimer's Swamp-Root, sent absolutely free by mail, also a book, telling all about Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at the drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Klimer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

made up.

The suit will be for divorce, and alimony, and will no doubt be vigorously



Miss Janeway is unlawful. Arrangements maintenance on behalf of Miss Wood. in Colon. The action, it was planned would be started simultaneously with acwhich is to be determined by O'Flaherty and Fulton, of Richmond.

of Thursday. Beyond the fact that several newsdealers have increased their or ear enormously to meet the rush on the "X" coupon, nothing of any vital interest has happened.

It is very gratifying to note the prominent public men who are taking sucg a keen interest in securing votes for scing of the contestants. It is now quite an established fact that on a certain subtribute that it is now quite an established fact that on a certain subtribute that on a certain subtribute the state official who makes it his daily task to go through the train and literally hold it up for coupons. Cars coming in from the outlying suburbs mostly have like experiences. It's well there is only the one coupon to be clipped, or there would not be much paper left. Yes, it is large; but just think how much easier it is to handle when counting than the scrutylitte things one usually comes across as coupons.

It's not the outling man's intention to get provided before the competition is over. Thank goodness, he's only about as well known as Mr. Raffles in Richmond; but, ladies, don't forget those tips published on Tuesday. We'd hate not to have enough papers on Thursday to meet tips demand.

FROM PHILADELPHIA

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Messrs. C'Flaherty and Fulton, of this city, are counsel for Mae Wood in the matter refered to above, and the former said last night that his firm contemplates bringing suit against Senator Platt, in New York State later on.

While they did not care to discuss the matter in detail it is understood that the firm is in possession of a marriage certificate secured from his client, when antedates the Senator's marriage to Mrs. Janeway some five years ago.

Mr. O'Flaherty in discussing the case last night, said that his firm could not now state definitely when the proposed suit, would be instituted, but that it

A LETTER TO OUR READERS. STARTLING FIND IN 53 Cottage St., Melrose, Mass. NEW YORK MURDER CASE

Secret Closet Contained Two Daggers and Small Fortune in Silverware and Merchandise.

NEW YORK, June 19—A secret closet containing two daggers and a secret room lined with silverware, clothing and bricabrac, were the latest and most stardiffy discoveries made by the police to-day at the old Stenton homestead in the Bronx, where Mrs. Alice Kinan was clubbed to death on June 8th.

The secret apartment containing a chest of silver and a miscellaneous assortment of clothing is directly behind a room that was occupied by Mrs. Kinan. The only

was occupied by Mrs. Kinan. The only false window, which was covered by a false window which was covered by a

false window which was covered by a bureau.

The plate found by the searchers is said to be worth about \$1,000.

No arrest has yet been made. The searchers came across five trunks in another of the up-saids rooms in the house. These trunks were filled with new goods, the tags on which bore the names of half a dozen of the big department stores. Included in the contents of the trunks were new toilet sets, some of silver and some of ivory, and all costly and all encased in handsome plush-covered boxes; pocket-knives, expensive hand-bags, high-class stationery, costly table linen, carpenters tools, dress goods in bolts, expensive hand mirrors, etc., all representing a value of many hundreds

BIG FIRE SWEEPS LOUISIANA TOWN

Virginian Gets Prize.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

KALAMAZOO, MICH., June 19.—
Charles Lewis Williams, Jr., of Orleans, Va., a member of the junior class of Kalamazoo College, was to-day announced the winner of the much sought for Copper prize, given annually in the oratorial contest held during the commencement week. The addresses were given this morning, and Mf. Williams spoke on "Americanism". The judges gave him a marking of ninety-nine per cent, The Cooper prize is from an endowed fund and is a sum in cash never made public. Mr. Williams is one of the most prominent members of the junior class, and the judges, in awarding him the honors to-night, made special reference to his standing as a student, as well as his ability as an orator.

Uncle Sam's Old Servants. bias just reported that 1,887 government clerks at Washington are over 66. Of this number 189 hold places on account of their war record. The work done by these clerks is grunded thus; Excellent and the properties of the clerks at the strength of their war record. The work done by these clerks is grunded thus; Excellent their Excell

In Melting Mood Then.
"Wonder why there are so many more engagements in summer than in winter?" 'Well. I suppose if you say to a girl 'Wilt thou?' in the hot weather, she's more apt to wilt."—Boston Transcript.

The Times Bispatch

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When he was placed in the dock, Kean nodded to Freddle Muth, who sat beside his father, and the boy smiled. Pointing to Kean, the little fellow said: "There he is, papa. Sec." he is, papa. Sec."

Kean appeared to exert a strange in-

fluence over the child, who showed is feeling akin to friendship for the man. Much sympathy is expressed for the wife and three children Kean leaves without means of support. Mrs. Kean is prestrated by the shock and disgrace the abduction has brought upon the family. She will break up her home here and remove to New York, where she has relatives.



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